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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated March 9, 2005, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Abstract are presented as a new Abstract attached to this document for insertion after the claim pages of the application (or to replace the previously submitted Abstract). A marked-up version of the Abstract is also being provided, to show the changes made.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this document.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 13 of this document, and include an attached replacement drawing sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: